



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 116

March 4, 2010 – Introduced by Representative JORGENSEN, cosponsored by Senator S. FITZGERALD. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of Lance Corporal Jacob Alexander
2 Meinert.

3 Whereas, LCpl Jacob Alexander Meinert was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on
4 June 24, 1989, to Brian Warzala and Krista Meinert Edquist, and was killed while
5 on active duty in Afghanistan on January 10, 2010; and

6 Whereas, Jacob was an active participant at Fort Atkinson High School,
7 participating in the concert and marching bands, jazz band, and pep band and played
8 in the combo that accompanied Fort Atkinson's show choir. Jacob's lifelong dream
9 was to become a United States Marine and live in Hawaii; and

10 Whereas, Jacob followed his dream by enlisting in the United States Marine
11 Corps in 2007. Jacob graduated with Platoon 2167 from the Marine Corps Recruit
12 Depot in San Diego, California, in October 2007, earning medals for good conduct and
13 marksmanship; and

14 Whereas, Jacob received additional infantry training at Camp Pendleton and
15 Twentynine Palms, California, in preparation for tours of duty in Iraq and

1 Afghanistan. Jacob was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd
2 Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; and

3 Whereas, Jacob served one tour of duty in Iraq from August 2008 to March 2009
4 with the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Bravo Company, 3rd Platoon as a radio
5 operator charged with maintaining communications where he gained the admiration
6 and respect of his fellow marines; and

7 Whereas, in November 2009 Jacob's battalion was ordered to Afghanistan to
8 conduct counterinsurgency operations with the Afghan National Security Forces,
9 providing security for the Afghan people and promoting development in the region.
10 Again Jacob was chosen as the radio operator for his platoon because of his
11 knowledge and professionalism; and

12 Whereas, on January 10, 2010, while on foot patrol as a fire team leader with
13 his platoon, conducting a combat operation in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan,
14 Jacob was fatally injured by an improvised explosive device; and

15 Whereas, LCpl Jacob Meinert was awarded the Purple Heart, the National
16 Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq
17 Campaign Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the Hawaii Medal of
18 Honor. Jacob earned the love and respect of all who served with him; and

19 Whereas, Jacob is survived by his mother, Krista Meinert Edquist, his father,
20 Brian Warzala; his sister, Randi Meinert; his brother, Larson Edquist; his
21 step-brother, Mitchell Edquist; and the family dog, Bosco. He is also survived and
22 loved by many other relatives and friends; and

23 Whereas, Jacob was laid to rest in Fort Atkinson with full military honors on
24 Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

1 Whereas, Jacob courageously served the people and the state of Wisconsin and
2 the United States of America and made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our way of
3 life, while advancing the blessings of liberty and democracy to the Afghani people;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
6 Wisconsin state legislature hereby commend LCpl Jacob Alexander Meinert for his
7 exemplary life, express their sorrow at his death, and extend deepest condolences to
8 his family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

9 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint
10 resolution to Brian Warzala and Krista Meinert Edquist.

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(END)